**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRDESH**

ABSTRACT

M.A. & U.D. Department – The Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members, Election Expenses and Election Petitions) Rules, 2005 – Amendments to provide for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option in the ballot paper – Notification – Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENT

**G.O. Ms. No. 44** **Date: 29.01.2018**

**Read:-**

G.O.Ms.No.713, M.A. & U.D. (Elec.II) Dept., dt. 21.07.2005.

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**O R D E R:**

The following Notification will be published in an Extra-ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated: 29.01.2018.

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 585 of Municipal Corporations Act, 1955 read with section 7 and 11 of the Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Act, 1979, section 7 and 11 of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Act, 1981 and sections 7,14 and 18 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations Act, 1994, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members, Election Expenses and Election Petitions) Rules, 2005 issued in G.O.Ms.No. 713, M&UD Department, Dated: 21st July, 2005 and as subsequently amended from time to time.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the said rules,

I in rule 30, sub-rules (2) and (3) shall be omitted.

II after rule 62, the following new rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"62-A. None of the Above (NOTA) option on Ballot Papers:-

(1) In the Postal Ballot Papers and in the Ballot Papers used for conduct of poll at polling stations with Ballot Boxes or Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), provision shall be made for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option for the benefit of those electors who may wish to exercise their option of not voting to any of the candidates in the fray. The last panel of the ballot paper below the last candidate shall be earmarked for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option.

(2) The State Election Commission may give such directions, as may be necessary, for effective implementation of 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option."

III rule 75 shall be omitted.

IV for Part-II (Result of Counting) of Form –XXI, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

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**(to be used when Electronic Voting Machines are deployed)**

**Part – II Result of Counting**

| **I) Valid votes polled:** | | |
|---|---|---|
| S.No. | Name of the Candidate | No. of valid votes cast |
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |
| (7) | None of the Above (NOTA) | |
| **II) Rejected Ballot Papers** | | |
| **III) Total** | | |

Whether the Total No. of ballot papers shown against Item No. III above tallies with the total shown against Item 5 of Part – I or any discrepancy noticed between these two totals? If any Discrepancy is noticed, the reasons for discrepancy are ……..

Place:
Date: **Counting Supervisor**

| S.No. | Name of the Candidate / Election agent / Counting agent | Full signature |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |

Place:
Date: **Returning Officer**

V in Form –XXX (Final Result Sheet), after column "No.of rejected Votes", the column Votes for "None of the Above (NOTA)"option shall be inserted**.**

VI in Form –XXXII (Return of Election), after entry "Total number of valid Votes Polled" the entry Total number of Votes Polled for "None of the Above (NOTA)"option shall be inserted**.**

VII in Form –XXXVI,

(a) in Part-I item No.3 "No. of Votes decided not to record Voters under rule 75" shall be omitted.

(b) for Part-II (Result of Counting), the following shall be substituted, namely-

**Contd..3**

**(to be used when Electronic Voting Machines are deployed)**

**Part – II Result of Counting**

| S.No.<br>(1) | Name of the Candidate<br>(2) | No. of Votes recorded<br>(3) |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |
| (7) | None of the Above (NOTA) | |
| | Total | |

Whether the Total No. of votes shown above tallies with the Total No. of votes shown against Item 5 of Part – I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals? If any discrepancy is noticed, the reasons for discrepancy are ……..

Place:
Date: **Counting Supervisor**

| S.No. | Name of the Candidate / Election agent / Counting agent | Full signature |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |

Place:
Date: **Returning Officer**

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**R. KARIKAL VALAVEN**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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